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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS**

Thursday, December 18, 2018    8:15 a.m.    Room 352 House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.  
Members absent/excused: None

Representative Lilly moved to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair Senate Bill No. 1211 before the committee:

SB 1211    (Casperson)    Natural resources; wetlands; wetlands, inland lakes, and streams; narrow definition of, require negligence as an element of violations, and require award of costs to prevailing party other than this state.

Senator Tom Casperson and Mike Pattwell, representing himself, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion follow.

Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, and Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in support of the bill.

Rich Bowman, representing the Nature Conservancy, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for **Senate Bill No. 1211**. The motion prevailed **6-2-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, and Wentworth.**  
**Nays: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**  
**Pass: None.**

Todd Losee, representing the Michigan Wetlands Association, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

James Bull, representing Detroit Audubon, and Donald Burveit, representing the Oakland Audubon Society, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Zimnicki, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Steven Niswander, representing Niswander Environmental, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not speak due to time constraints:

James Anonymous, representing himself and wetland survivors.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not speak due to time constraints:

Mark Jones, representing himself.

Dale Hendershot, representing the Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association.

Tony Spokojny, representing West Bloomfield Township.

Callie Melton, representing Chester Township.

Jamie Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

Sean McBrearty, representing Clean Water Action.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Chad Crandell, representing Crandell Environmental.

Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Bryan Burroughs, representing Michigan Trout Unlimited.

Marc Smith, representing the National Wildlife.

Dennis Eade, representing, Misteelhead and Salmon Fisherman's Association.

Dr. Bryan Burroughs, representing Trout Unlimited.

Bill Anderson, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Bill Vander Zowen, representing the Michigan Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever.

Joe Robinson, representing Southwestern Lake Erie Waterfowl USA.

Ryan Boyer, representing the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Aaron Litwin, representing the Michigan Bass Nation.

John Devney, representing the Delta Waterfowl.

Heather Shaw, representing the Ruffed Grouse Society and the American Woodcock Society.

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Mike Berkowitz, representing the Michigan Sierra Club.

Brian Mercos, representing the Audubon Great Lakes.

Jennifer Schlicht, representing herself.

Cyndi Roper, representing the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Jason Geer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Brian Westrin, representing Michigan Realtors.

Gerald Grossman, representing the Grossman Forestry Company.

Scott Robbins, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Home Builders Association.

Representative Lilly moved to report **Senate Bill No. 1211** with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed **6-3-0**.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, and Wentworth.**

**Nays: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid Senate Bill No. 1244 before the committee:

SB 1244 (Stamas) Environmental protection; cleanups; cleanup criteria for hazardous substance; modify.

Senator Stamas testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for **Senate Bill No. 1244**. The motion prevailed **6-3-0**.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, and Wentworth.**

**Nays: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Lilly offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 1244 (H-2):

1. Amend page 39, line 13, after "**ALL**" by striking out "**NEW**".

Representative Lilly withdrew the amendment.

Representative Lilly offered the following amendments to Senate Bill No. 1244 (H-2):

1. Amend page 33, line 5, by striking out "**INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,**" and inserting "**SUCH AS**".
2. Amend page 33, line 6, after "**TRANSLATION**" by inserting "**AND THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY**".
3. Amend page 34, line 4, by striking out "**INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,**" and inserting "**SUCH AS**".
4. Amend page 34, line 5, after "**TRANSLATION**" by inserting "**AND THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY**".
5. Amend page 39, line 13, after "**ALL**" by striking out "**NEW**".

Representative Lilly moved to amend **Senate Bill No. 1244 (H-2)**. The motion prevailed **6-3-0**.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, and Wentworth.**

**Nays: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**

**Pass: None.**

Questions and discussion, pertaining to the bill, continued.

Jason Gear and Troy Cummings, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Sean McBrearty, representing the Clean Water Action, and Nick Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association.  
Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association.  
Andy Johnston, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.  
Eric Friedman, representing DOW.  
John Dulmes, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Mary Hultin, representing self-retired toxicologist.  
Evan Pratt, representing the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner.  
Scott Harvey, representing the Michigan Demands Action.  
Mike Berkowitz, representing the Michigan Sierra Club.  
Jennifer Schlicht, representing herself.  
Jared Burkhart, representing the Michigan Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics.  
Cyndi Roper, representing the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Representative Lilly moved to report **Senate Bill No. 1244** with recommendation, as amended, as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed **6-3-0**.

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, and Wentworth.**

**Nays: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair Senate Bill No. 1199 before the committee:

SB 1199 (Stamas)	Labor; public service employment; mandated public employee contribution to employer-provided health care benefits; modify the hard cap issue date deadline.
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Senator Stamas testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League.  
Ken Osborne, representing the Department of Treasury.  
Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.  
Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township of Association.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Mark Docherty, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union.  
Mike Sauger, representing the Fraternal Order of Police.  
Blaine Koops, representing the Michigan Sheriffs Association.  
Ken Grabowski, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

Representative Lilly moved to report **Senate Bill No. 1199** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **6-3-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, and Wentworth.**

**Nays: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair Senate Bill No. 1176 before the committee:

SB 1176 (Shirkey) Civil rights; privacy; disclosure of certain donor information; prohibit.

Senator Shirkey testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Craig Mauger, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, testified in opposition to the bill. Question and discussion followed.

David Guenther, representing the Mackinac Centers for Public Policy, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Dan Papinear, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Andy Johnston, representing Grand Rapids Chamber.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Ness, representing Institute for Free Speech.

Heather Lauer, representing People United for Privacy.

Sean Parnell, representing The Philanthropy Roundtable.

Andrew Schepers, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

Jennifer Schlicht, representing herself.

Mike Berkowitz, representing Michigan Sierra Club.

Representative Lilly moved to report **Senate Bill No. 1176** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **6-3-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, and Wentworth.**

**Nays: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair Senate Bill No. 838 before the committee:

SB 838 (Brandenburg) State financing and management; bonds; time period for issuance of a security to pay off unfunded pension or postemployment health care liability; extend.

Senator Stamas, and John Axe, representing Grand Traverse County, Washtenaw County, and the city of Warren, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association.

David Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers Association.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Pete Constant, representing Retirement Security Initiative, submitted a card with a neutral position to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a card in support of Senate Bill No. 838.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt substitute **(H-3)** for **Senate Bill No. 838**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Lilly moved to report **Senate Bill No. 838** with recommendation, as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.**

**Nays: None**

**Pass: None.**

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

**Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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